



Dillsburg Council President John Creavey and Police Chief Glenn Smith are at odds over the 1991 police budget.
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Monaghan opposes new Chilton Borough

by Deborah Recker
Monaghan Township Chairman Jacob J. Cottenham, Vice Chairman R. Wayne Miller Jr. and Supervisor Lloyd Persun unanimously objected Double M Development Company's and Gemini Equipment Company's plan to secede from Monaghan Township and form a new borough.

Monaghan objections to the plan are based on the land not being suited for high density development and the developers' density. Police protection in Monaghan township is contracted out to the Carroll Township Police Department. The proposed Chilton Borough would be bounded by the Yellow Breeches Creek, North Lewisberry and North York Roads and the village of Siddonsburg. The stretch along the Yellow Breeches creek, where Chilton would border, has been designated a watershed area, and the township is greatly concerned with the effects the proposed high density would have on the creek.

Many township residents have expressed concern in the matter and have filed exceptions not to allow the petition submitted to the York County Court by the developers. A newly formed environmental group, Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment (COPE), has also filed exception to the position.

William Recker, of North Lewisberry Road, expressed his opposition to the new borough stating, "I have road frontage on one side of my property, and the proposed Chilton Borough on the other three sides. It's an unnatural boundary. I would like to feel I have a say in what kind of development goes on adjacent to my property". William and Deborah Recker purchased their 1815 Federal Farm House along North Lewisberry Road two years ago and have been restoring the property with the intent of having it listed on the historic register.

Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment (COPE), unanimously voted to oppose the proposed new borough and have filed a petition.

The township has hired the law firm of David Schaumann and Albert Blakely to handle the matter for them. Schaumann said that after proper advertising of the proposed borough, a five-member advisory committee will study the plan and then Judge John Chronister will decide if the question to create Chilton should be placed on the May ballot. The advisory committee would consist of two township residents from outside the proposed borough, two residents from within the

proposing the new borough of Chilton to avoid township regulations.

Double M Development Company's plan for Wellington Heights on the Yellow Breeches, a 64-lot single family home development, was given preliminary approval in 1987. A revised preliminary plan which included a small sewage treatment plant on the site was approved in 1989, but when application was made by Double M to build the treatment plant, Monaghan's zoning officer rejected the application on the basis of the treatment plant not meeting zoning regulations. No further action was taken by the developer who could have applied to the Zoning Hearing Board for a special exception.

Gemini Equipment Co.'s proposed 18-hole Chilton Golf Course plan required a special exception. The special exception was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board but Monaghan's Board of Supervisors appealed the Zoning Hearing Board's decision. A Notice of Intervention was filed by Gemini Equipment Co. on October 15, 1989. Several follow-up actions have been filed since that time by Monaghan Township and Gemini Equipment Co. but the case remains open.

Gemini's plan for a 227-unit housing development adjacent to the golf course was rejected by the township for not complying with regulations. Gemini has sued the township saying it should receive automatic approval for the development citing Monaghan officials as not following proper procedures in rejecting the plan.

According to the petition, the proposed 492-acre borough would provide its own police and fire protection, trash collection, sewer and water services, and have no adverse tax on financial effects on Monaghan Township. Monaghan officials as well as township residents had been opposed to both developers' plans largely due to environmental concerns. Monaghan Township does not have public water and sewer and cannot support high proposed borough and one member from outside the township. Chairman Cottenham stated that he knew of only two people who live in the area of the proposed borough, Robert Mumma II and Susan Mumma. If the question was placed on the ballot, only residents living within the boundaries of the proposed borough would vote on the referendum.

A new borough has not been created in York County since 1929, when Jacobus was incorporated.

Christmas Eve at St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 S. Baltimore Street, Dillsburg will hold two Christmas Eve services this year. The first service oriented to families with small children will begin at 6:00 p.m. This service will last about 30 minutes and will feature a children's sermon and activity.

early family service to join us. Refreshments will follow.

At 11:00 p.m. we will have our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service with festive carols and anthems. Area residents who are seeking a Christmas Eve worship experience are cordially invited to join us at St. Paul's as we welcome the Christ child.

NOTICE

Dillsburg Borough Council will hold the regular meeting on December 18, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. at the Monaghan Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. We urge the public to attend.

Car and Sanitation truck collide

A 1981 Pontiac driven by Charles R. Carr, 33, of 37 S. Baltimore Street, collided into the rear of a J.L. Howard sanitation truck, at the intersection of N. Baltimore Street and Mumper Lane on December 7 at approximately 5:54 a.m., according to Dillsburg Police. Carr was headed south at the time of the accident.

Carr was extricated from his vehicle by Citizen's Hose Company rescue crew and transported to Harrisburg Hospital by Dillsburg ambulance, where he was treated and released Saturday, said police.

The operator of the sanitation truck, Kenneth Pechart, 37, of Texaco Road, Mechanicsburg was not injured.

Rufus Tabb, of Green Street, Harrisburg, who was on his second day on the job, was not injured, having just jumped off the back of the truck to get two trash cans, said police.

Charges were filed at District Justice Walters against Carr on December 11 for driving under the influence (D.U.I.) due to a blood alcohol level of .12. The legal limit is .10. Carr was also charged with driving his vehicle at an unsafe speed. A hearing date has not been set.

Council and Police at odds over 1991 budget

By Mary Lou Bytof

Dillsburg residents want round-the-clock police protection.

That was the consensus of a crowd of residents and business owners that crammed into the council chamber and adjoining hallway at the Dillsburg Borough Council's budgetary work session on Tuesday.

Many of those present were responding to a flyer that indicated a possible major change in the police protection of the borough.

After about an hour of reviewing the recent fiscal history of the police department, discussing a few figures, receiving heated feedback for Police Chief Glenn Smith and his officers, and hearing visitors' comments, Council President Creavey acknowledged that the people want 24-hour police service.

To provide this service, Creavey said, the council can consider the following three alternatives:

- to maintain the Dillsburg Police Department;
- to contract with the Carroll Township Police Department at a cost of \$75,000;
- to join the Northern York Regional Police Department.

"Rather than have everyone shoot off questions based on rumor, let's lay out the facts," Creavey said in his opening remarks.

The council president proceeded to explain that the police budget in 1989 was \$185,000. In 1990, it increased to \$208,000 for the coverage of Dillsburg Borough for 18 hours and of Franklin Township for 6 hours, Creavey said. Franklin Township paid 25 percent of that budget, which amounted to roughly \$52,000.

The police officers present reassured the public that both

Dillsburg and Franklin Township were covered by the Department at all times.

The 1991 preliminary budget, which was tentatively passed last month and has been advertised, shows the council had allotted \$225,000 for the department, according to Councilman John Shambaugh, chairman of the budget and finance committee.

However, Franklin Township has not decided yet whether it will seek the services of the Dillsburg Police Department.

Consequently, the council had asked Police Chief Glenn Smith to come up with an 18-hour a day budget for the borough, Creavey said.

Communication between the department and the council broke down last Saturday afternoon when Chief Smith announced that he could not come up with less than \$208,000 for a 24-hour day, according to Councilman John Livingston.

After Smith and two officers left the council chambers on Saturday, the council instructed Shambaugh to prepare an 18-hour a day budget for the borough, according to Shambaugh.

Shambaugh presented this budget on Tuesday evening after most visitors and the media had left the meeting.

The visitors left the meeting with the understanding that the council would review a budget of \$167,000 prepared by parttime officer Dean Trump.

"If we can get down to \$167,000, we would have a reasonable figure with which to approach Franklin Township," Trump told the council.

Creavey accepted Trump's budget for review and said the council will scrutinize the plan to be certain it will work. He then told the visitors that the next week's council meeting will be held a larger forum to accommodate the sizeable number of interested citizens.

Chief Smith said he left the council meeting when Shambaugh presented his 18-hour budget because he is adamantly opposed to limited coverage. That budget would also call for the furlough of one full time police officer, Smith said.

Although the state police can be called into town, they do not handle ordinance violations or certain kinds of domestic disputes, Smith said.

"These six hours of no coverage will make Dillsburg an open warehouse for anyone who wants to steal anything," Smith said on Wednesday.

There appears to be a rift between the council and the police department, visitor Linda Markel, owner of Linda Kaye & Co., said Tuesday of the sometimes bitter exchanges. Markel suggested that the two parties set aside their differences and concentrate on protecting the community.

On Wednesday, Councilman Shambaugh insisted there are no deep-seated ill feelings between the council and the police department. Instead, Shambaugh said, he attributes the police budget dilemma to the unionization of the department three years ago.

The year before the Dillsburg Police Association was formed, the council had increased officers' salaries by ten percent. Once the union was adopted, the officers received 12, six and six percent raises in the three years, Shambaugh said.

This year, the association has negotiated a minimum of \$2,000 across the board raise for 1991. Senior officers will receive a slightly higher amount, he added.

According to state law, the council must accept that increase, Shambaugh said.

Throughout the summer, the council had been asking the police department to cut spending, primarily by reducing overtime hours.

At the end of November, the department already had spent \$6,000 over its 1990 budget, Creavey said.

Chief Smith argued that the council chose to overlook departmental efforts.

"We took in \$15,000 for the (sale of) a police car...I did not take a vacation. I gave you three to four weeks," he added.

"The council doesn't know this," Councilman Livingston said in reference to the unused vacation days.

"That's right," Smith retorted, "No one knows what they're doing."

On behalf of the department, Rex Carmichael, a parttime officer said, "I'm a criminal justice major. You need 24 hours coverage here. We can't have a security force here. We're not just handling escorts; we're handling felonies and misdemeanors."



Linda Markel, owner of Linda Kaye & Company, 45 S. Baltimore Street, is pictured with Historical Society Christmas ornaments and crocks, which are available for sale at her store and at The Blossom Shop next door.
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